

**New Jersey Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration**  
**Application Proposal Summary**  
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**Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act establishes the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration** to provide incentives for states to move people from institutions to community settings. The states are eligible for two- to five-year competitive grants which will provide an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for services to an individual for the first year after the individual moves out of an institution to the community. New Jersey's enhanced FMAP is 75%.

**New Jersey Goals**

New Jersey's proposal is a partnership between the Department of Human Services (DHS), Divisions' of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities and Disability Services and the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Aging and Community Services. NJ's partner agencies goals will be to: (1) pilot an innovative support coordination model to assist elderly and/or disabled individuals and families to choose and self-direct services, (2) explore ways to eliminate barriers due to service definitions, eligibility criteria or "rules" the State can change, (3) improve access for individuals from all cultural and disability groups, (4) expand transition services to aid in finding housing and services to improve quality of life and (5) use consumer/family feedback and QM data to continuously improve quality in HCB services.

**Funding Request**

The MFP Demonstration **total budget request is \$39,799,227**. This represents the total of the enhanced federal match on qualified HCBS services or regular match on new services. As in the regular Medicaid program, New Jersey will still have to expend state funds to draw down the enhanced federal match.

**Populations to be transitioned:**

- People 18+ with a developmental disability living in a State Developmental Center(ICF/MR)
- Adult who is elderly (65 +) in Nursing Facilities
- Adult with a physical disability (18-64) in Nursing Facilities

**Targeted Number of People to Move:**

<b>Grant Year</b>	<b>1/1/07- 9/30/07</b>	<b>10/1/07- 9/30/08</b>	<b>10/1/08- 9/30/09</b>	<b>10/1/09- 9/30/10</b>	<b>10/1/10- 9/30/11</b>	<b>Five Years Total</b>
<b># of People</b>	48	141	164	182	199	734

NJ proposes to transition approximately 389 people from State Developmental Centers and 345 from Nursing Facilities who are elderly and/or physically disabled over the 5 years of the demonstration. Per CMS requirements, the state must use 3-12 months to develop an approved Operational Protocol; New Jersey proposes a six month planning period.

**Geographic areas to be covered:**

- Statewide

**Community Settings people may move to are restricted to those with four or fewer unrelated people:**

- Individual/ family apartment or home
- Family Care Home
- Group Home or supervised apartment with 4 or less

**HCB Transition Services:** In addition to the services found in current DHS and DHSS Waivers New Jersey proposes to utilize peer and family mentors, housing specialists/ job specialists, vehicle modification, appliances such as microwaves that would facilitate safety and independence as well as one-time services such as security deposits, utility set-up and installation, other furnishing and moving expenses.